

REMARKS

Applicants will address each of the Examiner's rejections in the order in which they appear in the Office Action.

Drawings

The Examiner is requesting that Figs. 1A and 1B be designated as Prior Art. Applicants are amending these figures as requested by the Examiner.

Claim Objections

The Examiner is also objecting to Claims 1 and 2 for informalities therein. Applicants are amending Claim 1 herewith to move the period, as requested by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is requested that this objection be withdrawn.

As the Examiner has stated that these claims would be allowed upon correction of this informality, it is requested that Claims 1 and 2 now be allowed.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112

The Examiner also rejects Claims 3-12 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

In particular, the Examiner states that it is not clear in Claims 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 if the layer expressed by a formula means that the layer must consist of a compound of the specific formula, or if it is sufficient for the layer to comprise a compound of the specific formula.

In order to resolve any potential confusion, Applicants are amending Claims 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 to recite that the layer comprises a material expressed by the formula.¹ It is respectfully submitted that this overcomes the Examiner's rejection. Therefore, it is requested that it now be withdrawn.

As the Examiner has stated that Claims 3, 4 and 9-12 would be allowed upon amendment to overcome the §112 rejection and with correction of the placement of the period, it is requested that these claims now be allowed.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102

The Examiner also rejects Claims 5-8 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Börner et al. and under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Grushin et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

In order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are amending independent Claims 5 and 7 to recite a host material for the luminescent layer. The host material is shown in the specification at page 11 as Formula (6) (and referred to as spiro-CBP). Applicants respectfully submit that neither of the cited references disclose or suggest a light emitting device with such a host material for the luminescent layer.

Accordingly, it is requested that these rejections now be withdrawn.

IDS

Applicants are also submitting an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) herewith. It is requested that this IDS be considered before any further action is entered in this application.

¹ Applicants are also moving the period in Claims 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 from after the last word to after the formula, as requested by the Examiner.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee is due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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